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October 28, 2005

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P.O. Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

With this letter, I am registering a formal complaint with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) for an independent expenditure's failure to comply with the law in a race for the Snohomish City Council. I received the mailing on October 28, 2005.

The campaign material violates the law in at least two ways: First, it fails to notify voters that it is "not authorized or approved by any candidate" and it fails to identify who paid for it. Second, it fails to identify the "Top Five Contributors" to the organization identified as the source of the campaign material.

The literature, according to the return address, is produced by "Citizens for Open Government", though the piece fails to meet the disclosure requirement contained in RCW 42.17.510(2). The statute says the following:


In addition to the materials required by subsection (1) of this section, all political advertising undertaken as an independent expenditure by a person or entity other than a party organization must include the following statement on the communication "NOTICE TO VOTERS (Required by law): This advertisement is not authorized or approved by any candidate. It is paid for by (name, address, city, state)." If the advertisement undertaken as an independent expenditure is undertaken by a nonindividual other than a party organization, then the following notation must also be included: "Top Five Contributors," followed by a listing of the names of the five persons or entities making the largest contributions reportable under this chapter during the twelve-month period before the date of the advertisement.

I have enclosed a photocopy of the literature in question to speed the PDC's investigation. I look forward to a prompt remedy of the violation.

Please feel free to contact me should you need more information. And please let me know how the violation of electioneering law is resolved.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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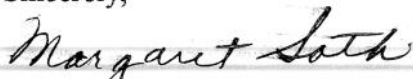
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